



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

JAN 19 2006

Mr. Neel Pender  
232 NE 9th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97232

RE: MUR 5322  
Gordon Smith for U.S. Senate Inc. (96)  
and Stan Huckaby, in his official  
capacity as treasurer

Dear Mr. Pender:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on September 9, 2002 concerning an excessive contribution by Sharon Smith to the Gordon Smith for U.S. Senate, Inc. (96) ("Committee") and the repayment of a line of credit by the Committee to United States Bank of Oregon. On November 9, 2004, the Commission found that there was no reason to believe that Sharon Smith violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1) or (3) by making an excessive contribution to the Committee. Furthermore, the Commission found that there is no reason to believe that the Committee and Stan Huckaby, in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) with regard to the repayment of the \$2,000,000 line of credit extended by United States Bank of Oregon in 1995. Finally, the Commission found that there is reason to believe that the Committee violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b)(3)(E), 434(b)(4)(D) and 434(b)(8), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, concerning the reporting of the repayment of the line of credit. The Commission also conducted an investigation in this matter.


On December 19, 2005, the Commission accepted a signed conciliation agreement with the Committee and Stan Huckaby, in his official capacity as treasurer. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter on December 19, 2005.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the conciliation agreement with the Committee and Stan Huckaby, in his official capacity as treasurer, is enclosed for your information. In addition, copies of the dispositive General Counsel's Reports regarding the Committee and Sharon Smith are enclosed.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

  
Delbert K. Rigsby  
Attorney

Enclosures  
Conciliation Agreement  
First General Counsel's Report  
General Counsel's Report #3

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